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THREE CENTS

"No Conferences" A Strong Editorial

The cancellation of the various summer conferences in Northfield this year has brought out a storm of protest and rightly so, but nowhere in public print has this disappointment been so well voiced as in an editorial in the New York Tribune under date of April 1st that we reprint the same in our columns. We quote:

"There will be disappointment in thousands of Christian households and possibly rejoicing in the kingdom of Satan when the news circulates that the annual gathering since 1880 in Northfield, Mass., of devout students and ministers of the gospel will not be held this year. Sometimes as many as 15,000 persons annually have attended these refresher courses in the good life. Reason for this interlude has been failure of the Office of Defense Transportation to certify necessity of travel to the meeting. That this is no light occasion thus intermitted is shown by the fact that in 1929 students and alumni from forty-eight states and fifty-five countries attended the golden anniversary of the beginning of the Northfield schools, founded by Dwight L. Moody. Moody.

"In 1930 a tablet was unveiled commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of Moody's conversion, a fact which had tremendous influence on literally millions of persons here and abroad. Together with his partner, Sankey, Moody shook the battlements of hell as they had not been shaken since the days of the prophets of old. His incredible energy and enthusiasm changed what had often been rather apologetic evangelical efforts to big business which dealt in religious revival vast in its scale and of irresistible fervor. The impetus imparted by Moody and Sankey has lasted to this day, with the annual conference of Christian workers, which inherits much of the earnestness of its founders. Omission of the Northfield Summer Conference season will be a loss to residents of the birthplace of Dwight L. Moody and to a wide-ranging congregation which attached great importance to the results of its sessions."

Miss Bridget C. Dale

Miss Bridget Catherine Dale of School Street died Monday, April 30, at her home at the age of 70 years. She had recently suffered a sudden illness. She was of a quiet and unassuming character and esteemed by many friends. She was born here April 2, 1875, the daughter of David and Ellen O'Keefe Dale. Surviving are a sister, Miss Elizabeth Dale, two nieces and two nephews. Funeral services were held the following Thursday at 8:30 at her home and at 9 at St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in the family plot at St. Mary's cemetery.

Holton-Tyler

Miss Karlene S. Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tyler of Warwick avenue and Coxswain Joseph W. Holton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holton of West Northfield, were married Tuesday evening, April 24, at the bride's home on Warwick ave. The couple were attended by Mrs. Virginia Mandijo and Corp. Clarence Webber. Only relatives attended the ceremony and the couple left on an unannounced wedding trip.

The bride is a graduate of Northfield high school and is a student at Northampton Commercial college. Coxswain Holton is also a graduate of the local high school and was attending Wentworth institute in Boston when he entered the service. He returned last November from two years in the South Pacific and is now stationed at Camp Park, Cal.

Roger Woodruff Dies Was Summer Resident

The sad news was received in Northfield of the death of C. Rogers Woodruff of Maplewood, N. J., on Saturday, April 28, after a year of serious illness. He had practically grown up in this community during the summers and was the son of Mrs. Charles C. Woodruff and the late Rev. Charles C. Woodruff, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church in Newark, N. J., who died October, 1941. His father was also the president of the Rustic Ridge Association and the new town road running along the hillside was named Woodruff Way in memory. Rogers Woodruff was associate treasurer of the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension in New York City. He was born in Roselle Park, N. J., 36 years ago. He is a graduate of East Orange, N. J., High school, and Colgate University and had taken a special course at Columbia. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. He was actively connected with the Morrow Memorial Methodist church in Maplewood, and its organizations. Well known in Northfield, his was a promising career and the world has lost a promising young leader.

Mr. Woodruff leaves his wife, Mrs. Rosanna Gauthier Woodruff; two sons, Robert Roger and James Donaldson Woodruff; his mother, Mrs. Charles C. Woodruff, and a sister, Miss M. Dorothy Woodruff of Maplewood.

Funeral services were at his church on Tuesday afternoon, May 1, with the Rev. Dr. Charles R. Prewitt, the pastor, officiating and burial was Wednesday in the family plot in Hilltop cemetery, Mendham, N. J.

Fortnightly Women Hold Annual Meeting

The Fortnightly held its final meeting of the season at Alexander Hall Friday afternoon, April 27, with its president, Mrs. George Sheldon, presiding. It was the annual meeting for elections to fill vacancies which resulted as follows:

Mrs. George H. Sheldon, president; Mrs. Leon Russell, first vice-president; Mrs. Roger Greenwood, second vice-president; Mrs. Orville Mirtz, recording secretary; Mrs. Stanley Bistrek, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Pfefferle, treasurer; Mrs. Allen H. Wright, auditor, and Mrs. Arthur Platt, Mrs. Grove Deming and Mrs. John V. McNeil, directors; program committee, Mrs. George W. Ball, Mrs. Joseph Reeves, Mrs. Robert McCastline and Mrs. Robert Taylor, and music committee, Mrs. George Leonard, Mrs. Howard Rubendahl and Miss Alice Drake.

At the business session, new members were voted, and reports rendered of the season's activities. Mrs. William E. Park, chairman for the Town Clothing Relief committee, spoke of the excellent success resulting from the co-operation of the club members. The club has a large membership and in good financial condition. The guest speaker was Miss Ethel Johnson of the faculty of the Stoneleigh-Prospect school, who spoke on "England with the poets in the spring" and their poems of birds and flowers. After the session a food sale netted over \$50 for the club treasury.

April's Nurses Work

The report of Miss Natalie Gowen, our local health nurse, for the month of April indicates that she made 131 visits; chronic cases 69, acute cases 25, anti-partum 2, delivery 1, communicable cases 2, infant 3, pre-school 4, school children 8, social service 9, transportation to doctor, hospital and clinic 7, meetings 2 and tuberculosis contact 1.

The American Mother Mrs. Sibley Honored

Mrs. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., well-known religious leader and active in several of Northfield's summer conferences, has been selected as "The American Mother for 1945" by the Golden Rule Foundation. Mrs. Sibley at present is in attendance at the San Francisco conference as a consultant. She is president of the National Council of Church Women, is a director on the board of the National YWCA and on the executive committee of the USO. She is also a trustee of Hobart college and of the China Central college. The honor conferred upon her is made annually by the Foundations American Mothers committee on Mother's Day to the woman who has rendered unusual and meritorious service to the public. Mrs. Sibley is the mother of 6 children and her husband in public life is a banker and agriculturalist. He is a former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Dramatic Club of Mount Hermon school presented a burlesque on Julius Caesar before the assembly of the school on Saturday, April 28. It was a very clever presentation and the members of the cast acted well.

Seventh War Loan Campaign Here Starts

The mighty Seventh War Loan Campaign will be in progress from May 14 to June 30 when the government appeals to its citizens to take on the biggest quota to date, of seven billion dollars, four of which to be in E bonds for individuals. This is not a call for contributions but one of investment in U. S. Government Bonds which will yield the holder a good return and permit the Treasury to use the money so invested in a successful prosecution of the war. Mrs. Cleland Cochrane will again act as the chairman of the local committee and it is understood that Gill and Mount Hermon will be added to the local district. The local War Finance committee will be enlarged and groups formed to carry on its responsibilities. A meeting of the committee was held at the home of the chairman, when plans were developed for the co-operation of our town's people. The quota for Northfield is large but can be met if all will fully unite in the effort.

A good building lot with 100 feet frontage on Pine Street east of the residence of Miss Drake is advertised for sale by Mr. Walker.

Silver Anniversary

The day of April 29 is memorable to Mr. and Mrs. Leon E. Whitmore of this town, for on that date, twenty-five years ago they were married in the town of Attleboro, and accordingly on Saturday of that date of this year, they quietly observed their silver anniversary. However, friends remembered and greetings were extended in social calls. Letters, cards, flowers and gifts of money were given and a supper wound up the evening's social hour. Best wishes were extended by all for many more years of happiness and health. Mr. Whitmore is the local agent of the American Railway express.

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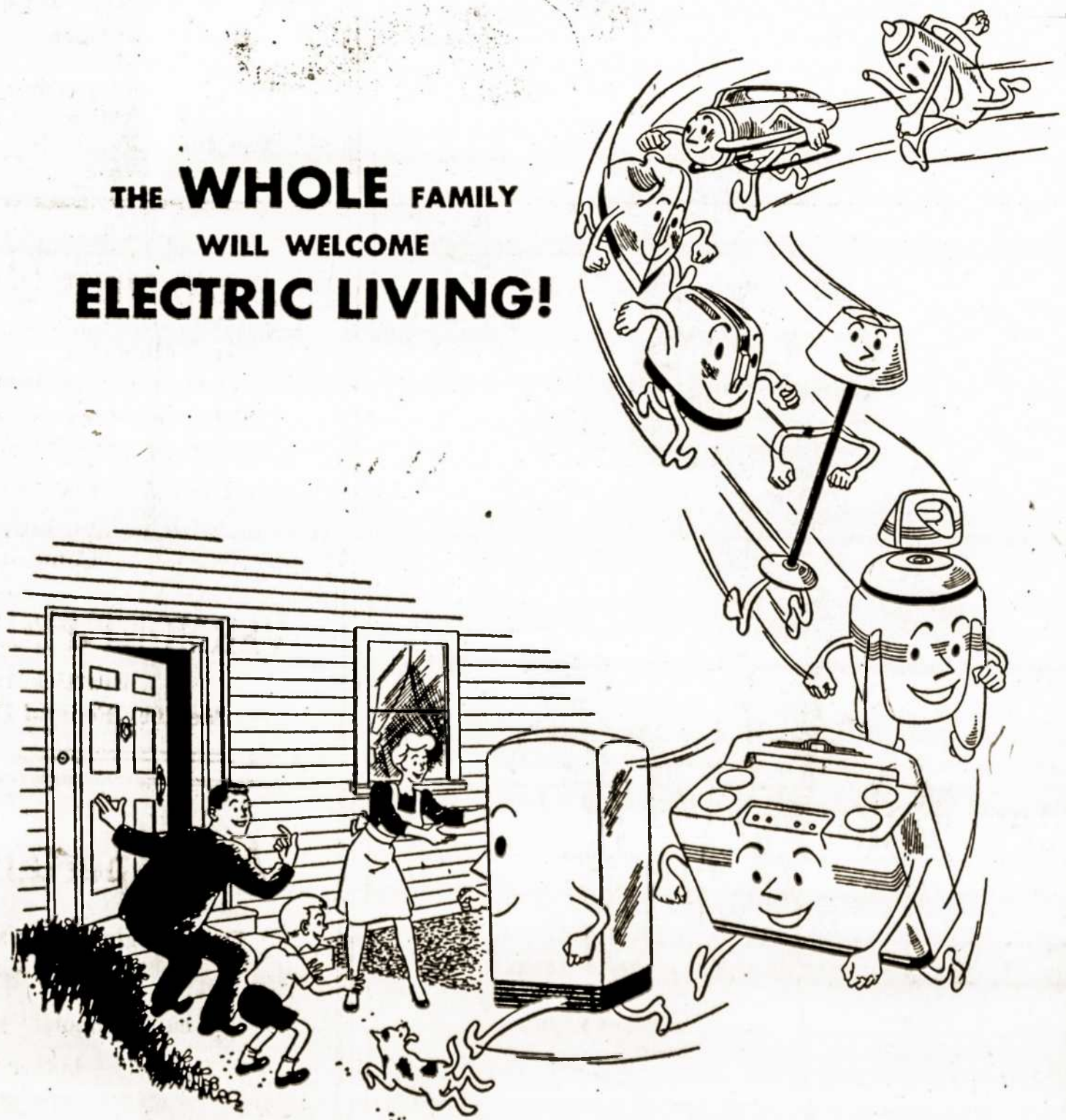
We desire to express our thanks and appreciation to all friends and neighbors for their kindly congratulations at the recent observance of our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, in letters, cards, flowers or gifts, especially to the members of the Unitarian Women's Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon E. Whitmore.

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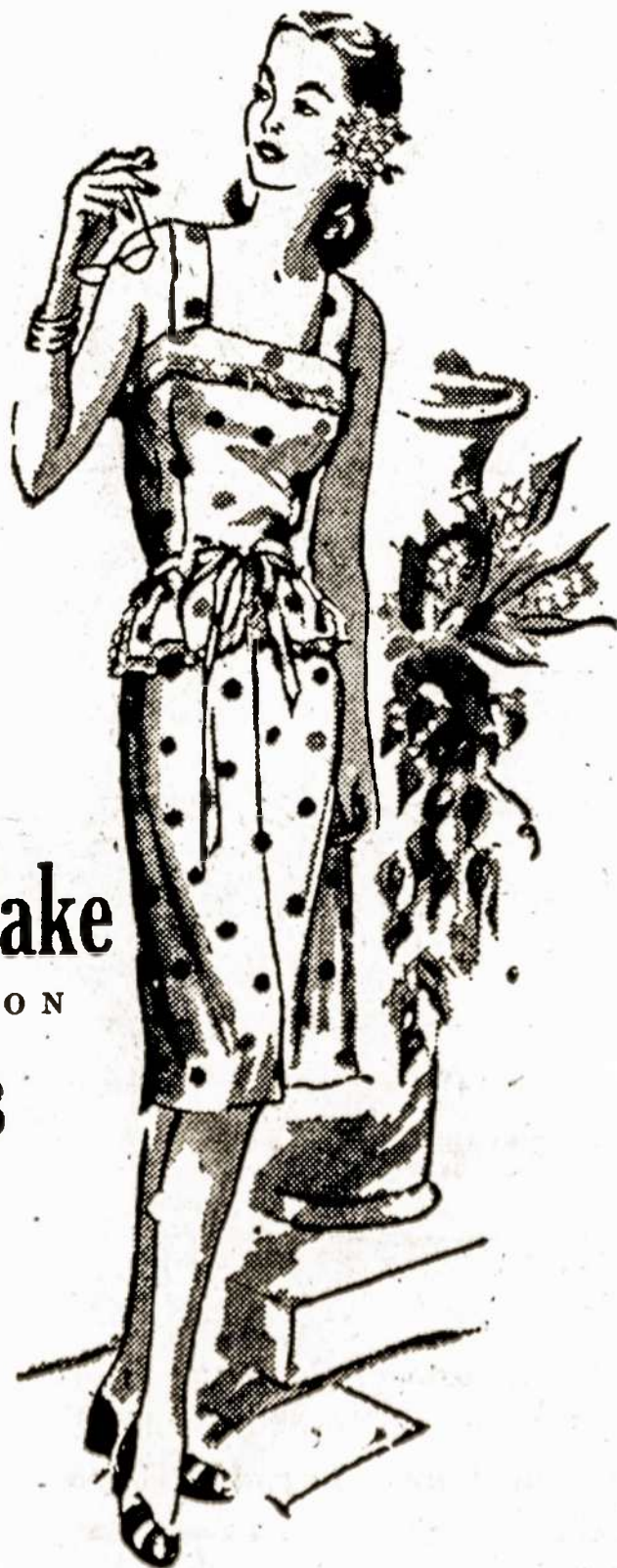
The schools of town closed on Tuesday after the proclamation of the President was heard and went to town hall for special exercises. There was singing and addresses by invited speakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Culver of Somerset have announced the engagement of their niece, Elaine M. Armstrong of Norwich, Conn., to William D. Ross, son of Joseph E. Ross of this town.

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Members of the local Teachers Society presented a series of three very interesting plays at the Town Hall on Saturday evening, May 3, with the proceeds to be used for visual education at the schools. Those who were in the casts performed in their parts splendidly and received the applause of the audience.

There was a large attendance. The directors of the plays were Miss Evelyn Lawley, Mrs. Eleanor Parker and Mrs. Claire Cochran. Characters were George Leonard, Helen Deane, Lois Russell, Esther Leonard, Chester Parker, L. P. Goodspeed, Mary Smyth, Gertrude Morgan, Robert N. Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Braley, Ruth Bolton, Natalie Gowen, Evelyn Parker and Helen Scherlin.

Town Topics

Mrs. E. E. Symonds has returned to her home on Highland Avenue after spending the winter with her daughter and husband in Worcester.

Miss Helen L. Scherlin of South Vernon, who has been teaching the fifth grade in our school, has resigned effective at the end of the school year and has been selected as a teacher in the Greenfield schools.

The stores in town closed their doors on Tuesday on V-E day in observance of the holiday but found they had a rush on Wednesday to make up.

Mrs. H. W. Doremus and Miss Dorothy Doremus have arrived on the Ridge to open their cottages for the summer.

Miss Sarah Ayers and her sister have arrived from Danielson, Conn., and are at their summer home in the Highlands.

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Girl Scouts Are Active

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